made by MMTC and the STC in terms °f CIF value as well as quantity during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise and foreign exchange in terms: of US dollar spent thereon; and

(b) what are the item-wise, details ef export of various types of ores and minerals made through public sector' agencies or otherwise during the last three years, in terms of quantity exported and its FOB value and th« amount of. foreign exchange in terms of US dollar earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of tire. House.

Entry to Chakma Refugees into Tripura

857. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRJ SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ba pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Chakma refugees who have entered into Tripura from Bangladesh in the last f»a,w months;

jjj) what are the reasons for the sudden spurt in th_e influx of such refugees-

kkk) what i_s the amount spent so far by the Central Government and the Government of Tripura for providing relief to these refugees; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to send back these refugees to Bangladesh with dignity and honour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) A_s on 22-7-1986, 22,892 Chakma refugees had entered into Tripura from the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

fb) The current influx of refugees from the Chittagong Hill Tracts into Tripura is because of the continuing armed conflicts between Bangladesh Security Forces and the Shanti Bahini—a Chakma guerilla organisation .

(c) The Govt, of India have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 51 lakhs for the Govt, of Tripura for providing relief t_0 these refugees.

(d) Government has taken up with the Govt, of Bangladesh the matter of early return of these refugees hi peace and safety and the Govt, of Bangladesh have agreed to work out $modalitie_s$ to this end.

Charter of Demands submitted by Plantation Workers' Union

858. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

WiH tlie Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union ha_3 submitted a 36-Point charter of demands;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whethe)' the present three-year wage agreement has expired on the 1st July, 1986; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government on the charter of demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of West Bengal, a Charter of Demands has been submitted by the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers'

Union to the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal. The Charter of Demands which is in 3 parts includes demands ior**:**

(i) Payment of basic wages at Rs. 18/. per day.

(ii) Payment of 92.8 per cent D.A.

(iii) 15 days' casual leave.

(iv) Taking over of mismanaged 'Gardens.

(v) Nationalisation of wholesale Tea Trade and Tea Auction Centres; and

(vi) Re-plantation of Tea Bushes, etc.

(c) Yes.

(d) According to the Government of West Bengal, the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, bilateral discussions are being held by the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal and the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union on the Charter of Demands.

Purchase of jute crop by Government

859. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to purchase the entire jute crop this year; an<j

(b) what steps Government contemplate to prevent distress sale of jute?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Jute Corporation of India will purchase whatever quantity of raw jute is offered to it for sale at th» minimum statutory price fixed by the Government.

(b) The following steps have *beta.* taken in the interests of jute growers;

(i) Statutory minimum prices of raw jute were announced ia March, 1986 before the sowing seasons for the first time.

(ii) JCI and cooperatives, acting as agents of JCI, have decided to operate through the same number of purchasing centres as during previous season.

(iii) JCI is giving wide publicity to its support operations and advising growers not to make any distress sale of raw jute to middlemen below statutory minimum price.

Inspection of United Industrial Bank by RBI

860. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India had carried out inspection regarding the working of the United Industrial Bank and submitted its report in Apdil, 1982;

(b) if so, whethet there has been any adverse comments about the working of the Bank in the report;

(c) if so, what are the details therefore; and

(d) what action Government hav* taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (d) As a part of its regular inspection programme, an inspection **had** been carried out by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the provisions of